RAIN SEEMS TO BE IN THE AIR---RELIEF YESTERDAY.

THERE IS STILL HOPE FOR MISSOURI'S LATE CORN CROP.

In the Extreme Southeastern Portion of the State Corn Is Looking Well, Though Badly in Need of Rain-Late Planted in the Northern Counties Will Make an Average Crop if Moisture Soon Comes-Situation in Nebraska Reported More Seriious-Illinois Has but Little Relief.

FARMERS CONTINUE TO RUSH THEIR STOCK TO MARKET.

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT SAYS CORN CROP AS A WHOLE HAS DETERIORATED. *

Washington, July 16.-The Agricultural Department's summary of the corn

crop situation is as follows: The corn crop as a whole in the great corn States of the central valleys has materially deteriorated and has sustained serious injury over the western portion of the corn belt, especially in Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklaho-

A very large part of the crop is late, however, and this has withstood the · trying conditions of drought and heat remarkably well, and, with early rains, will still make a fair crop. This is particularly applicable to Iowa, Nebraska and portions of Kansas and Northern Missouri.

The early corn in Central and Southern Missouri, portions of Eastern Kansas, Arkansas and in the Central and West Gulf States has been irreparably

In the Upper Ohio Valley corn, while needing rain, has improved, and in the Atlantic Coast districts the crop has made excellent progress.

RUSHING STOCK TO MARKET.

at Kansas City.

ARE NOT GIVING CALVES AWAY.

figures to "relive them of their unfortunate position."

Of course, stock of all kinds has depreciated in price quite severely, and much money will be lost. The majority of the stock feeders who fed bunches of cattle through the winter are selling their stock now at about 10 to 15 per cent lower than was paid for them a year ago. This percent of depreciation and the time and feed put in the cattle is a clear loss. If rains come now there will be fairly good fall pastures in this county, and there is good indication of rain for to-night.

VEGETABLE PRICES BOOMING.

East May Have to Supply West-

Unprecedented Condition.

Potato growers who supplied the market

toes.

String beans are bringing double the price of last season. Cucumban

TO CORNER BROOM CORN.

Manufacturers Will Have to Pay

Fancy Prices.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Mattoon, Ill., July 16.—The Union Broom Supply Company, after a two years' campaign, has absolute control of the corn market. Manufacturers will be compelled to pay whatever figure they ask. During the last three days the battle for control of 1900 crops waged strong, and growers received \$100 a ton and over for crops.

Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska crops are almost a total failure. Illinois is 60 per cent short of 1900, and well-informed parties say there is 20,000 tons less than sufficient to meet trade demands. Over \$100,000 worth of broom corn around Mattoon has been bought in the last two days. Many manufacturers may be forced to suspend.

NEBRASKA.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Lincoln, Neb., July 16.—Nebraska is in the

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REPUBLIC SPECIAL. within another week the late corn will be saved in many parts to make a fair yield. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. part of the State the past week has been one of the hottest ever experienced by the people of Missouri. The mean temperature ranged from 8 to 10 degrees above the nor-mal in the central and western sections and 2 to 5 degrees above in the eastern sec-

Maximum temperatures of 100 degrees and above occurred in all sections on several consecutive days, the highest temperature reported being 114 degrees at Jefferson City

During the greater part of the week the sky was almost cloudless and no rain has fallen, except a few light, scattered showers, principally in the northeastern section. Vegetation has dried up very rapidly, ponds and small streams are dry, springs and wells are failing, and in many districts water must be hauled long distances. Owing to the extreme dryness much damage has been done by fires. The present outlook is the most discouraging that Missouri farmers have had to face for many years.

In portions of Atchison, Nodaway, Harrison and Marion counties, and in a few local-

ities in the extreme southeastern portion of the State, corn is still looking well, though needing rain badly, and in many of the northern counties late corn would still make an everage yield if it could have sufficient

Early Corn Badly Damaged. Early corn in the northern sections, however, has been greatly damaged, much of it being practically ruined, and throughout a majority of the central and southern counties the entire crop is almost beyond recovery. Even should heavy rains fall within a week it is believed the greater portion would make little more than fodder. Cotton in the southeastern counties is holding its own fairly well where well cul-tivated, though there is some complaint of

shedding.

Melons are drying up and ripening very

Haying is well advanced, and the crop, though extremely light in most sections, has been secured in good condition. In por-tions of Atchison, Nodaway, Buchanan, Boilinger and Cape Girardeau counties a

good yield is reported.

Thousands of head of stock are being shipped out and sold at a sacrifice on account of the scarcity of feed and water. Some flax has been thrashed in the south-western counties and the yield is light and he seed of poor quality.

Gardens, late potatoes and small fruits

are generally a failure. Apples and peaches are making little growth and are wilting and dropping badly. In Cass and Camden me fruit trees are dving. REPUBLIC SPECIA

Odin, Mo., July 16.-In Wright County oats will prove a total failure; hay may yield one-fifth of a normal crop; pastures are ruined; if rain comes at once some corn may be saved; fruit is falling badly; melons are destroyed; vegetables a total loss.

HAVE TO SACRIFICE CATTLE. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
California, Mo., July 16.—The drought conin the shade to-day. Farmers are alarmed and are rushing their half-fat grass cattle on the market. Sixteen carloads of this

class of cattle were shipped from California to St. Louis yesterday.

MAIN IN RAY COUNTY LAST MAY.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Richmond, Mo., July 16.—Ray County is experiencing the worst drought it has ever known, no rains of any consequence having fallen here since the early part of May.

The corn crop is suffering greatly from the drought, and many farmers think the drought has continued so long that a rain would benefit but little. Pastures are completely burned up from the heat, and stock water is getting very

During the last week a large amount of stock has been rushed to the market because of the scarcity of feed. For more than two weeks the thermometer has ranged 100 and upward.

HEAT KILLS STREET LABORER.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
St. Joseph, Mo., July 16.—Frank Bolceux aged 50, died from the effects of the heat today. He had been employed on the streets and fell while at work. He died before a physician could reach him. LEWIS COUNTY NOT BAD OFF.

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REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

La Grange, Mo., July 16.—The drought in Lewis County has not been as severe as in other portions of the State, yet the crops have been greatly damaged. The wheat crop, which is being thrashed, is the heaviest raised in this county for many years. This county was fortunate in having some good rains during June, which kept the corn growing until the last week. The early corn has been cut short at least one-half, the tassels having been burned by the hot, dry winds. Should rains come

HARD TO COMBAT

The Evidence of Our Senses. Wi St. Louis People Say is Pretty Good Proof for St. Louis People.

When we see it ourselves,
When our own ears hear it,
When our neighbors tell it,
Our friends incorse it,
No better evidence can be had.
It's not what people say in Maine,
Or distant mutterings in California.
No decaying exches here.

Public opinions published for the public

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Lincoln, Neb., July 15.—Nebraska is in the grip of the drought, with little present hope of relief. For four days regularly rain has been promised, but the prophecies are never fuifilled. Most farmers have given up hope and the situation is very serious. State Crop Reporter Loveland issued the following bulletin this evening:

"The past week has been hot and dry. The daily mean temperature has averaged 11 degrees above the normal.

"The rainfall of the past week has been very light, no amount sufficient to aid crops having been reported.

"The hot, dry weather has been very uncomfortable for all growing crops. Spring wheat and oats have ripened too rapidly in northern counties, and the yield will be somewhat reduced. Early planted corn is beginning to tassel in southern counties, and has been considerably damaged by the drought; later planted corn is standing the drought well, but corn generally has deteriorated in condition during the past week. Corn is small and late, and much of it has not tasseled, and with rain would soon recover largely from the effects of the dry weather. However, with the rain the crop would generally be decidedly below the average. Apples and fruit generally have been injured and the hay crop will be less than expected earlier in the season."

Supplications for Reites.

Omaha. Neb., July 16.—The Reverend F. There is no proof like home proof.

Read this statement made by a citisen:
Mrs. Joseph Hergal, of 1714 Allen Ave.,
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mays: "I have not the slightest hestiation in
saying that Doan's Kidney Pills did me a
vast amount of good. For several months
before I went to Wolff-Wilson Drug Co.'s
for them I suffered intensely at times from
pain in 'ne amall of my back. There were
other distressing symptoms of kidney complaint which I need not mention. I had
hese reading about Doan's Kidney Pills in
the newspapers for a few days before I
made my visit to the drug store, and I
made my visit to the drug store, and I
commenced the treatment with considerable
faith in the medicine, as it was guaranteed
to cure kidney complaint, and kidney complaint only. My confidence was rewarded
by the last attack disappearing."

For sale by all dealers, Price 50 cents,
For sale by all dealers, Price 50 cents,
Remember the name—Doan's—and take
sether.

Supplications for Relief.

Ofnaha, Neb., July 16.—The Reverend F.
Merton Smith, the noted English evangelist,
who was conducting revival services in the
mere of several thousand people in prayers
for rain.

An immense tent was erected at Twentyfirst and Spencer streets in a small park
located in the heart of the residence district, and in this were seated hundreds of
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all classes and all religious faiths, participaring in the exercises and lifting their
powerful invocation spoken by the eminent
divine.

So impressive were the services, and so
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RAIN AT SEVERAL POINTS: LOCAL SHOWERS FORECAST

Government Forecast Official. There is but little change in the local

weather situation. The temperature was not very high yesterday, and will hardly reach 100 to-day, on account of the clouds, which shelter us from the direct rays of the sun. The chances for local thunder showers to-night or to-morrow are good. The observations last night indicate that the weather to-day will continue cloudy. Reports from weather stations show that the drought has been broken in several sections of the country, and that the high temperature in the West has been tempered to a considerable extent.

perature of 100 or more. These were Dav-enport and Dubuque, Ia.; Kansas City Omaha and Dodge City, Kas., all with tem-peratures of 100, and Concordia, Kas., with a naximum of 102. The temperatures over the Central West and the Mississippi Valley still remain mod-

An area of low barometer is spreading

over Western Kansas and probably will result in showers, though, to be sure, these will be slight, as the country is so parched and dry there is nothing to draw the moist-

ure from. There is also a low barometer over the Central Rocky Mountain region. Lasting re-lief to the suffering crops in the West will come only when a high barometer develops in the extreme West to push the "lows"

eastward, causing precipitation.

Rains were reported at several points yesterday. At Chattanooga, Tenn., a thunderstorm last night brought .66 inches of rain.

Exactly the same rainfall was noted at Q'Appelle, in Canada, just over the border from the Dakotas. Buffalo was cool, with a maximum temperature of 82 degrees and a rainfall of .08, with indications for more. Nashville, Parkersburg, Vicksburg and sev cral other southeastern points reported traces of rain. Charlotte, Va., had a thunderstorm yesterday, with .30 inches of pre-cipitation. A slight rain was reported at Philadelphia.

Stand Another Month of Drought if Necessary.

Record Broken by Receipt of Hogs Kansas City, Mo., July 16.—Because of the drought in the Southwest, which is causing farmers to rush their stock to market to save it, the record receipts here were again broken to-day, when 31,500 head of hogs were received at the local stock yards.

The hogs received from the Southwest this week have been of common grades, averaging fifteen pounds lighter than the general run. desired than an upset market.

ARE NOT GIVING CALVES AWAY.
REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Mexico, Mo., July 16.—A few days ago a story was telegraphed from this point to a Chicago paper to the effect that veal calves which had been previously selling at about 5 per head in this section were finding a very slow market at \$1 per head.

As a result, Postmaster Treloar has several hundred letters of inquiry from stock feeders and buyers in this and surrounding States as to whether the story is true.

A number of the stock shippers are also receiving large amounts of mall soliciting their business and offering to take their stock off their hands at ridiculously low figures to "relive them of their unfortunate position." without any calamity assailing them. The loss on the current market has been appreciable, but nothing approaching a total loss. This is a vast country, and where one section falls short another comes to the

"Still. Missouri stock raisers are hard hit, so they say over at the yards, Mr. Armour,"

was suggested.
"So it is most apparent. Thirty thousand cattle went into Chicago yesterday, vast herds of them right from our own State to the east of us."

"No; decidedly not. The ground is so dry it absorbs deeply, and what is worse, the temperature is so excessive that the sur-face is parched as soon as the sun gets at it. One inch of rain is not worth having after the present sun has had twenty-four hours play on it."

"Then what is the outlook?"

ILLINOIS.

ions from experts, who say the reports of damage have been greatly exaggerated.

At the opening of the session on 'change there were indications of weakness. The first reports of showers in parts of Kansas and other State were having some effect. September corn started from % to 1% cents lower than it closed yesterday, at from 45 cents to 48 cents. Then it was realized that the showers had been light and would not materially help the situation. Shorts took advantage of the break and covered some of their outstanding lines.

take chances of the drought proving as bad as expected. This caused a sharp re-action in corn to 49½ cents. Wheat and oats followed practically the lines laid out

spell in the sections where it is especially needed, and the forecasts promise no re-lief.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL
Alto Pass, Ill., July 18.—The drought in
Union County remains unbroken. Early
corn is gone beyond redemption. Late corn.
however, will probably make a crop. The
damage in Union County is, on the whole,
comparatively light. In fact farmers around
here are profiting by the drought because
of the consequent high prices of fruit and
vegetables. Union County is a fruit-growing county, and the drought has not seriously affected fruit.
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Grayville. Ili., July 16.—The best wheat crop in this vicinity was thrashed recently by W. M. Butler. He had in 74 acres and it yielded an average of 48% bushels to the EXCESSIVE HEAT KILLS A WOMAN.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Marshall, Ill., July 16.—Mrs. Rufus Tumb-lin was overcome by heat to-day and died. WITHERING UNDER HOT BLASTS.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Eldorado, Ill., July 16.—There is no change in the drought situation here. Thermometers registered 100 in the shade to-day. Dust is three inches deep. There has been a strong breeze all day, but it seemed to have come from the heated regions, and had a witnering effect on the corn crop. Some signs of rain to-night.

PLUNGER AT THE RACES.

Chicago, July 16.—Louis Kotte, son of the late George Kotte, a wealthy Cincinnati brewer, is under arrest here, charged with using \$20,000 from the estate of his father. Kotte, who is 24 years old, was arrested tonight by detectives at his boarding-house, 148 Dearborn ayeaus. high by detectives at his bostons the case, life Dearborn avenue.

Kotte at first refused to discuss the case, but afterwards stated that he had used the money playing the races in Cincinnati, and that he would be able to settle the matter if

Almost a part of the Pan-American Exposition itself is Statier's Hotel, the largest hotel in the world, built especially for the accommodation of Pan-American visitors. It is within one block of the main entrance to the exposition and will accommodate 5,000 guests. The rate is but \$2 and a were ins of articitation of the exposition and will accommodate 5,000 guests. The rate is but \$2 and particitation and if there are two or more of you who are to spend two or more of you who are to spend two or more of you who are to spend two or more days at his hotel. Mr. Statier will refund the cab fare. If you are alone he will pay one-half the fare. This will give you a delightful ride the whole length of beautiful Delaware avenue and the Park System. This offer of free cab fare holds good to our readers only till August 1, and on presentation of this announcement. Cut it out and save it.

TELLS CATTLEMEN NOT GOVERNMENT REPORT

C. W. Armour Believes They Can Condition of Plant Better Than Ex pected and Prices Take a Slump -Reaction Toward Close.

> mixed in its opinions and rather inclined to look for a reaction from the late advance under profit-taking and evidences of cooler weather with showers over much of the drought-stricken country of the Central and Western belt.

On the opening a steady tone prevailed, with prices 3 points lower to 1 point higher. On room and little outside buying, August and the Indian Territory and from Missouri cotton advanced to 7.81c. October to 7.74c | place

The early Liverpool cables were friendly, in that they showed unchanged prices. But before our opening a sheer drop of 2 to 2½ points was apparent, with the spots off 1-15d. The New Orleans market suffered severely from heavy liquidation, and sold quite freely in our place.

operators, who sold the market off several points. Later, there was a raily on new buying and support from the buil side. COTTON HAS ESCAPED INJURY.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Chandler, Ok., July 18.—Heavy local rains "Then what is the outlook?"

"Cattlemen must be resolute. They mest not be precipitate. They have a month to go on, and if these installment-plan rains continue they will come out all right in the end, I believe."

Chandler, Ok., July 18—Heavy local rains the past three days have relieved the threat end drought conditions in this section. Except in the western portion of the county, the cotton crop has not been damaged, and end, I believe."

REPUBLIC SPECIAL
Dallas, Tex., July 16.—No relief from the drought in Texas is visible yet. No rain fell within the limits of the State to-day. The hot, dry, parching winds still keep up their withering work. The thermometer at Dallas to-day registered 102 in the shade. The following weather bulletins were gathered at 7 p. m., the point included covering the entire cotton-growing district of the State. The thermometer readings were those at 7 o'clock this evening:

Waco, fair, 63: Austin, clear, 91; San Antonio, cloudy, 83; Belton, fair, 91; Texarkana, clear, 38; Mexia, clear, 39; Gainesville, cloudy, 89; Denison, cloudy, 88; Paris, clear, 96; Dallas, clear, 36. REPUBLIC SPECIAL

BLIGHTED CROPS IN KANSAS. Topeka, Kas., July 18.—While rain has fallen during the past twenty-four hours in various parts of Kansas, the drought is not yet broken, and little benefit has been experienced by the crops. The rains have been small local affairs, and their only effect has been to cool the atmosphere and freshen vegetation to a certain extent. This has been a moderately cool day. The refreshing breeze from the south made the weather more bearable than any during the past month. Two places in the State report a temperature of 107, but the average has been 38.

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n. A hopeful tone pervades most of the
eports, however, and the determination is
enerally expressed to make the best of the

situation.

In the castern division of the State crops are suffering more than in any othes. The damage done in the central part is less severe, while in the western part the conditions are the most favorable.

The corn crop is not the only thing at stake. To obtain water for stock and for fire protection is a much-studied problem and one that will not be solved until the coming of the rain. Previous estimates of half a crop of corn this year still hold good in case more rain comes within the present week.

week.

Late apples have been hurt but little, while peaches are damaged more and small fruits falled almost entirely. Apples and peaches are falling from the trees on account of lack of moisture.

TOWNE ON FREE SILVER.

Discusses Next Democratic Platform and Ohio Convention.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, July 16.—"Free silver as an issue is absolutely dead in the West. I do not believe it will be mentioned in the Democratic platform or campaign of 1904. The feeling among Democrats in the West is that they want to win, and they do not care a rap what kind of a platform they have as long as it brings victory."

MORE RAIN, BUT NOT ENOUGH TO RECLAIM THE DYING CROPS.

Soil So Dry and Sun-Baked That Showers Do But Little Good-Late Corn Gets a New Lease of Life Perhaps From the Moisture, but More Will Be Needed at Once - Missouri Receives Its Share of What Rain Fell.

CLOUDS GIVE SOME PROMISE OF ANOTHER DOWNPOUR SOON. Several counties in Missouri were visited by storms Tuesday, some of them being accompanied by considerable rain.

Specials to The Republic indicate a heavy downpour through the western and northern portions of Pettis County.

At Centertown, near Jefferson City, the rain was preceded by heavy wind by which several buildings were wrecked.

North and west of Moberly fair rains were reported. The Indian Territory appears to have been favored by heavy downpours,

benefiting crops considerably. The moisture has been only sufficient in most places to wash the dust from the corn leaves and increase the humidity in the western corn belt. It may be

the means of breaking the drought. The Government weather officials see no immediate prospects for a heavy downpour anywhere, but unofficial predictions are that the humidity which is now high throughout Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri and Iowa, will result in rains before many hours. Heretofore the heat has been dry, but now there's a change, and these showers may be the forerunners of rain that may do the corn and

Temperatures were high all through the West and ranged from 90 to 104. Central Missouri had thunderstorms and showers about 5 o'clock this evening, which had the effect of reducing the temperature from 108 to 84. The rain, however, did the growing crops but little good. Rain is also reported in Callfornia, Tipton, Union, Fulton, Lynn and Mexico counties.

VICTIMS OF LIGHTNING.

Several Lives Lost in Storms Ministers Preparing for Day of Which Followed Drought.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Chandler, Ok., July 16.—During a heavy rainstorm Monday evening lightning struck and killed Mrs. James Losing near this places

and January to 7.75c. Then a reaction set in under feverish general selling, which became active soon after the noon hour. August dropped off to 7.72c, October to 7.64c and January to 7.66c, with sentiment fivoring further slight losses before the market would be in shape for a fresh manifestation of strength.

The pit appeared to be considerably long of October and January, as were the South and Wall street. Yet commission houses advise constituents to be prepared to buy on weak spots, on the claim that the crop was phenomenally below an average consumer of this county, and son took shelf arm of this county, as arm of this county, and son took shelf arm of this county, as

KANSAS.

Kansas City, Mo., July 16.—Rain fell over an area of eighty miles around Kansas City early this morning, and reports from different parts of the Bouthwest indicate thunderstorms and lower temperature during the day or to-night.

At Lawrence, Kas., this morning enough rain fell to effectually lay the dust, clear the atmosphere and freshen vegetation, but not enough to do any permanent good. It is the first fall in that vicinity for twenty-six days.

At Ottawa and Wellsville, in the next county west from Lawrence, about half an inch of rain fell. At Wellsville there has been no rain for more than three months, and coming now, it will do late corn great good if followed by more, otherwise the corn crop in that county will prove an utter fallure. Some fields are now too far gone to be revived by any amount of rain. Over one inch of rain is reported at Toronto, Kas., two counties further west.

There was a fairly good shower in Kansas City early this morning, but at 11 o'clock the sky was cloudless and the Weather Bureau reported a temperature of 33.

A good rain fell at Camden Point, Mo.

of 33.

A good rain fell at Camden Point, Mo., three counties east of Kansas City, and it will result in much good to corn, which, in that vicinity, is still a dark green.

MISSOURI.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Bedalia, Mo., July 16.—Pettis County was visited by good rainstorms to-day, the heaviest falls being in the western and northern portions. Heavy rains fell during the afternoon just south of Sedalia, but the showers here were merely dust layers. The conditions are excellent for more rain to-night.

right.
The rainfall in Pettls County to-day is worth thousands of dollars to farmers, and in the localities where the rainfall was the heaviest a good crop of late corn is as-A heavy rainstorm, resembling a cloudheavy rainstorm, resembling a cloud-burst, accompanied by a heavy windstorm, did considerable damage this afternoon at Centertown, a small town on the Missouri Pacific, fifteen miles west of Jefferson City. One house was destroyed and several others partially wrecked.

NOT ENOUGH TO HELP CORN. REPUBLIC SPECIAL
Columbia, Mo., July 16.—A slight rain fell
here this afternoon. It was not of sufficient
quantity to do much for the corn crop, but
will help somewhat.

RAINS NEAR MOBERLY. Moberly, Mo., July 16.—Good rains are reported north and west of Moberly this afternoon. A mild shower fell in this city, and the clouds are still threatening.

COOLED ATMOSPHERE A LITTLE.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Butler. Mo., July 16.—Bates County was visited by light showers this morning, cooling the atmosphere considerably, but not doing material good to crops.

MOISTURE TO KEEP CORN ALIVE. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

La Grange, Mo., July 18.—Light showers of rain fell in parts of this county Friday and Saturday, which have kept the cornalive. Pastures are about dried up, except in the Mississippi bottoms, where the prairie grass remains green.

PROSPECTS FOR MORE RAIN.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

PROSPECIAL
REPUBLIC SPECIAL
Marshall, Mo., July 16.—Light showers
visited this county to-day and last night
and prospects are good for more.

DOWNPOUR IN MONROE.

PATIS MONROE.

Paris, Mo., July 16.—A good rain fell all over this county this afternoon and prospects are good for a big rain to-night.

SHOWER AT SALISBURY.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Salisbury, Mo., July 17.—The drought here was broken this afternoon by a nice shower.

INDIAN TERRITORY. REPUBLIC SPECIAL

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Vinita, I. T., July 16.—A heavy rain here last night and this morning practically saved the late corn crops and furnished water for the cattle. The rain did not extend very far west of here, and the corn is being burned up at Claremore, where there has been no rain for six weeks and the drought holds on.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Tulsa, I. T., July 18.—General rains fell throughout this section last night, insuring a fair yield of corn. Wheat crop was excellent, Hay is good. Oats good, and cotton in fine condition.

Little Rock, Ark., July 16.—A fair rain fell here to-day and extended several miles into the country. On account of its short duration it will do the crops but little good.

ILLINOIS.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Cartyle, Ill., July it.—Several localities in Clinton County were visited by good rains last night. In this vicinity the dust was barely laid.

CROPS GENERALLY IN NEED OF MOISTURE.

Government Report Indicates That Much Will Yet Be Saved If It Rains.

DEPENDING ON LATE CORN.

Vegetation May Recuperate If Downpour Comes Soon-Apples Beginning to Show Effects of Drought.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Washington, July 16.—The weekly crop port of the Agricultural Department, issued to-day, gives conditions in the Southwest as follows:

MISSOURI.

Missouri-Another week of extreme head and drought; late corn in northern counties would make a fair yield with rain; early corn is greatly damaged, and in central and southern sections almost the entire crop is beyond help; cotton generally is holding its own, but there is some complaint of shed-ding; haying is nearly finished, very light yield; stock is being fed and water is scarce; apples and peaches are drying up and fall-

ALABAMA.

Alabama—Excessively hot, with drying winds; insufficient showers; in extreme east and southwest drought serious; cotton small, but clean, well formed and fruiting fairly well; corn much deteriorated, and even with most favorable future conditions the yield will be light; pastures, gardens and minor crops are suffering for moisture. Melons are inferior; plums and grapes yielding well. ALABAMA.

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MISSISSIPPI.

Mississippi-Very hot and dry; early corn is generally beyond help; some is being cut for fodder; with good rains soon, late corn will make a fair crop; cotton is being laid by, clean and healthy, continues to do well on bottom lands, growth retarded by blooming to top on uplands, needs rain; pastures are dry; stock water is becoming scarce; melons are small, but plentiful; fruit failing.

LOUISIANA.

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Louisians—Showers first of week in south portion and higher temperature; condition of sugar cane is greatly improved, plant is growing and jointing rapidly; rice also is improved and doing well; only a few light, scattered showers in northern portion; eorn has suffered seriously, some complete failure and much is being cut for forage; cotton is standing drought, but in many places has stopped growing, while the very small is fruiting at top, needs rain hadly.

TEXAS.

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Texas—Hot and dry in north; general showers in south, with good local rains in southwestern portion. Corn is suffering from drought in the northern portion; rain in the southern portion; came too late to improve corn. Cotton is well cultivated and its condition is below the average and needs general heavy rains, but the plant appears well rooted and is standing the drought better than expected. The crop is improved in the southwest portion, where early planting is opening. Some picking has been dose. The plant is blooming to top in scattered localities. Sugar cane and much of the rice is suffering for rain.

ARKANSAS.

Arkansas—Excessively high temperatures, with general absence of rainfall; all crops have been greatly damaged by drought. Early corn is ruined in many places, and the late crop will not be benefited by rain. Cotton is being damaged, and unless rain falls soon the damage will be serious in most places. Fruit is withering and dropping in most sections. Irah potatoes are rotting. TEXAS.

TENNESSEE.

Tennessee—High temperature, much sunshine and drying winds caused rapid deterioration in growing crops, and, except where timely local rains fell, the drought is making conditions serious. Early upland corn falling rapidly. Cotton and tobacco made fair progress until the last few days. Wheat and oats yielding fairly well. Hay saved in fine condition. Fruit mostly inferior; apples dropping rapidly.

HALNOIS.

Illinois—Dry, hot weather has damaged vegetation considerably. Good wheat yields reported. Oats injured somewhat by heat and some ripened prematurely; harvest in progress. Corn is injured considerably, but generally is not beyond recovery if raincomes soon. Hay crop light, but harvested in good condition. Pastures, gardens and potatoes suffering from drought and heat. Fruit is injured by heat, especially apples and blackberries.

INDIANA.

Indiana—Warm weather; no rain; corn is provider rapidly to be described in grown resolution. TENNESSES.

Indiana—Warm weather; no rain; corn to growing rapidly in clean fields, but unless rain comes soon the prospect for a heavy crop will diminish; potatoes are dying; to-bacco is growing well, but needs rain; a fair-crop of early apples is ripening; peaches abundant; shipments commenced: wheat, rye and barley thrashing continues; yield good, oats harvest and haying continue.

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Iowa-Very high temperatures, with slight relief in eastern districts by scattered showers; harvesting is progressing rapidly under the best condition for securing hay and grain; reports indicate some damage to corn in limited areas on sandy or hardpan soils, but the bulk of the crop is stoutly holding its own, with fair prospects, if relief comes soon; late berry crop and apples suffering badly.

NEBRASKA.

Nebraska—Winter wheat is being thrashed:

Nebraska—Winter wheat is being thrashed; the yield and quality are good; spring wheat and oats have ripened too rapidly in northern counties, and the yield will be somewhat reduced; early-planted corn is beginning to tassel in southern counties and is considerably damaged; late-planted corn is standing the drought well, but all the corn has deteriorated in condition; apples are dropping badly; hay, prospects are poorer.

KANSAS.

Kansas—Early corn is badly damaged, and in the extreme eastern counties is being pastured; larger portion of corn is late and holds well, and with rain soon will make a fair crop; fruits and leaves are failing; the second crop of alfaifs is light, but good hay; hay grass short, crop light.

TERRITORIES.

Okiahoma and Indian Territory—Drought

Oklahoma and Indian Territory—Drought is intense and all vegetation is damaged; corn is badly damaged and will be ruined unless rain comes soon; cotton is still doing fairly well, but some shedding is reported; pastures, grass, gardens and fruit are drying and withering up; miliet and hay show poor yields; wheat is good.

HEAT WARPED THE RAILS.

Passenger Trains Delayed Until They Could Be Straightened.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Mattoon, Ill., July 16.—The eastbound accommodation on the Big Four, due here at moon, was delayed haif an hour to-day. The excessive heat crused the rails near Rossmond to warp out of alignment and it was necessary to straighten them before traile could be resumed.

Take the Akres Reute
Via the Vandalia-Pennsylvania-Erie Lise
to the Pan-American Exposition at Buffals
Lake Chautauqua, etc. Dining cars, social excursion rates. Ticket offices, M
North Fourth street, corner Chestnut, and
Union Station.

BAIN DID BUT LITTLE GOOD PEPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Omaha, Neb., July 16.—Showers which fell in Omaha and scattering districts in Nebranka early this morning have acceptable no material good, and the corn attention is growing more alarming.

WILHPIR-SWEENEY. REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Paducah. Ky., July 16.—H. Wilhite, age
G years, a well-known carpenter of the
city, and Mrs. Ellian Sweeney, aged 2 years
of this city, were married to-night. This is
the third matrimonial venture of the grown
and the second of the bride.

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deceiving echoes here. Louis people talk about St. Louis peo ere is no proof like home proof, ad this statement made by a citie

BY DOCTOR R. J. HYATT,

Yesterday only six places reported a tem

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Kansas City, July 16 .- "Cattlemen can stand the drought thirty days longer." assured C. W. Armour of the Armour Packing Company. Packers are watching the situation with anxiety, as nothing is less to be

"We have got along so far without much oss," continued Mr. Armour, speaking of the cattle trade generally. "The disaster has not been general. From Central and Eastern Kansas, from Eastern Oklahoma cattle have been forced to market because of the drought, but the Northwest has grass to put them on, and their purchases have relieved the situation and forestalled a congestion of beef. No cattle are being sent from Texas, nor will any come so long as the drought region is shipping. They have had fair rains down there. Thirty days longer, I should say, the range men can go

Missouri Dealers Hard Hit.

"Will the rains of yesterday stop the rush?"

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, July 15.—Householders in New York are much exercised just now over the prices of vegetables and fruits, which seem to be getting higher all the time, instead of lower, as they would be supposed to do. The advance in the price of potatoes, dealers say, is due to the delay in the Long Island crop.

Potato growers who supplied the market Potato growers who supplied the market two weeks ago have been called upon for their reserve stock, and they are getting 50 per cent more than formerly.

John Lichtenstein of S. Lichtenstein & Co., produce merchants at No. 83 Barclay street, does not think the drought in the West will affect New York prices.

"It may result, however," said Mr. Lichtenstein, "in our having to ship vegetables out there—an unusual thing. The recent drought on Long Island greatly affected the potato crop. The early season was wet, and many farms had to plant the second time, losing thus a good fifteen or twenty days. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Chicago, Ill., July 16.—No material benefit was derived in Chicago to-day as a result of the few showers which have fallen in the West. On the Board of Trade prices of all grains remained high, and there was just as much uncertainty as ever. And this was in the face of further expressions of opin-ions from experts, who say the reports of days.
"Tomatoes have been a failure. Where there ought to be plenty at 50 to 75 cents a crate they are double that and more."
Retail grocers do not think prices will advance further except in the case of pota-

String beans are bringing double the price of last season. Cucumbers are unusually high, retailing at 4 to 6 cents, in place of 3 cents last year. Cabbage is about the only vegetable which maintains a normal price. Pease are about 30 per cent above last season. Spinach is scarce at 50 cents per peck, where it ought to be only 35. Cantaloupes and watermelons are much above the usual price at this season, and other varieties of vegetables range in price almost 100 per cent higher than they were at this time last year. covered some of their outstanding lines, and there were others buying also who were willing to be among the shorts and

No break has been reported in the heated

Brewer's Son Is Now Under Serious Charge in Chicago.

to the Pan-American. Almost a part of the Pan-American Ex-

TO BE DISCOURAGED. BROKE COTTON MARKET

REPUBLIC SPECIAL New York, July 16.-Forenoon events demonstrated that the room was much

While builish, the weekly Government crop weather report was better than ex-pected, and had a bearish influence on room

feeling among Democrats in the West is that they want to win, and they do not care a rap what kind of a platform they have as long as it brinss victory."

This summing up of the situation was made to-day by Charles A. Towne of Minnesota, the leader of the Silver Republicans, who gave the West to Bryan in his first campaign.

"I believe that the platform adopted by the next Democratic National Convention will be reactionary," continued Mr. Towne.

"I expect to see David B. Hill nominated for President, and I would not be at all surprised if Mr. Bryan should lead a faction composed of the elements which still uphold the principles of the Chicago and the Kansas City platforms. There is a strong feeling in the West in favor of the nomination of Mr. Hill or some other man from the East. The Democrats there are tired of defeat, and the drift is toward the adoption of a platform which will ignore the issues of, the last two presidential campaigns.

"We were misunderstood in our attitude toward free silver in 1896 and 1900. What we wanted was more money in circulation, so that prices might be kept up. We were not fighting for a market for the product of the silver mines at higher prices for silver. There has been an enormous increase in the supply of gold, and there is more money in the country to-day than there would have been had the stock of gold remained stationary and had the mints been opened to free silver colnage.

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PLEASED WITH PROCLAMATION.

Prayer and Fasting.

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Macon, Mo., July 16.—The members of the Ministers' Alliance are delighted with Governor Dockery's prompt response to the call for a rain proclamation, and immediately set to work to systematically conform to the edict.

Notices will be distributed asking all citizens to fast Sunday and spend the day in prayer and meditation. In the evening union services will be held at the First Baptist Church, at which the various ministers will ask the Divine outpouring of the need of the hour.

At the African Methodist Church last night the rain prayer meeting lasted until 3 this morning, and all day long the sky has been overcast, but no rain has fallen. A dealer on the Chariton River to-day closed a deal with a neighboring stockman for 1,000 bushels of corn at 65 cents, it being the identical lot the seller had purchased from the buyer in June at 60 cents. Storm Both Damages and Does Good.

Muscogee I. T., July 16.—A severe hall storm three miles north of Muscogee last night killed some stock and completely destroyed crops for a considerable distance over a stretch a mile wide. Heavy rains fell all over the Creek and Cherokee nations, generally saving crops.

THE WEATHER.

Barometer, inches 23.48 25.59 pm.
Thermometer, degrees 3 35.55 pm.
Humidity 58 36.
Direction of wind W W
Velocity of wind 12 8
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Weather at 6:59 a. m., cloudy; 6:59 p. m., cloudy, Maximum temperature, 75. River 10.4. R. I. HVATT. R. J. HYATT,

Denver E-Pueblo SW Oklahoma

Local Forecast Indicates precipiation inappr LIMITED HIS FORTUNE. All Over a Quarter of a Million

Was Given Away. Chicago, July 16.-Charles A. Spring, Jr., the was for many years manager of the

McCormick Harvester Company, died at his home here to-day, aged 75 years. Mr. Spring attracted considerable attention years ago by putting \$20,000 as the limit of his fortune, announcing that when he found it exceeding that amount he would expend it in philanthrophy. It is said he kept his promise, although he had a large income. Mr. Spring discontinued active work in 1889.

For the round trip from St. Louis to Northern Michigan summer resorts via Illinois Central. De Marchi Engaged by Mr. Grau. Berlin, July 16.—Mr. Grau has engaged Herr de Marchi, the tenor, for the next opera season in the United States.